GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:7
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CAGING SYSTEM IN POULTRY
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether European Union has decided to phase out caging system in poultry by end of 2011 to prevent cruelties involved in caging system;

(b) if so, the steps taken to phase out caging system in India;

(c) whether in USA minimum space for a hen is 2 sq. feet, whereas in India it is much less; and

(d) if so, the steps taken to increase space till phasing out of caging system in India is done?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): There is no proposal to phase out caging system in India.

(c): `Commercial Chicken Production Manual`, an American publication has recommended 0.50 sq. feet per bird and Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) has recommended 1.25 sq. feet per bird in cages.

(d): There is no proposal to increase space for cage system in India.